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In this issue: Lewis Jones sets All-Time Leading Scorer record for Grygla/Goodridge!



100 years young



Happy birthday to Ardell Roen who just celebrated her 100th birthday! Ardell is a beloved former resident of Grygla; she now resides at Oakland Park Communities in Thief River Falls. She is being thought about by many, near and far, as she celebrates this big milestone. *Photo courtesy of Oakland Park*

30th Annual Grygla Cup



The 30th Annual Grygla Cup hockey tournament is coming up soon! The big event is set for the weekend of February 2nd-3rd. In addition to the regular tournament that is held on Saturday, the group is holding an alumni game on Friday night at 7 p.m. Any past, current, and future hockey players are invited to join in. Teams will be picked at that time and a fun alumni scrimmage will take place before the big event on Saturday.

Nick Olson, Grygla Ice Devil, shared an update on the merch they are slinging this year! These hats (shown on the left) run \$25 a piece with all profits going toward the rink. Please contact Nick if you'd like to get one on order. His number is 218-689-0830.

As part of this year's festivities, the crew has decided to run some contests in between periods or in between games. They are looking for some help from local businesses to donate prizes to give out. They are also hoping for a big group of spectators to come and participate!

If anyone would like to sign up a team, donate prizes, order a hat, or donate directly to the arena fund, please contact Nick Olson (218-689-0830), Brock Olson, or Robbie Anderson (218-684-1740). Every little bit helps.

Last year marked the Grygla Flames 18th consecutive win. Will that pattern continue in 2024? Maybe this is the year for the Grygla Ice Devils! Plan to attend the action on ice and cheer on your favorite team.

Jones and Cullen chosen for AAA

Congratulations to Lewis Jones and Molly Cullen, Grygla High School Seniors, for being chosen for the AAA award. The purpose of AAA is to recognize and honor high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the arts. The purpose is also to elevate academic standards and create greater awareness of League-sponsored activities and their values, and to provide member schools of the League with the opportunity to

participate in a statewide program that supports, promotes, and recognizes academic and extra-curricular achievements.

The AAA Banquet will be held on February 7th in Mahanomen, MN. At that point, any students chosen for the regional award will go on for a chance to win the state AAA award.

Editor's note: Goodridge School did not have any AAA recipients this year as no students applied.

Grygla 4th grader finishes chemo



Dirk Lourens, a Grygla 4th grader, finished his chemotherapy last week and celebrated with a special support system around him! Dirk is the son of Cornelius and Jana Lourens, of Grygla. He has Pilocytic Astrocytoma (suprasellar region, low-grade optic pathway glioma). The tumor, which is located near the pituitary gland, and around the optic nerve, cannot be operated on as it would cause too much damage. His mom Jana explained that the tumor is a lifetime thing because it is inoperable. Even though the chemo has concluded, Dirk will still be meeting for regular appointments with his medical team to keep an eye on everything as the tumor could start growing at any time. Dirk will go for scans every three months for the next year and

then every six months after that.

The Lourens family was all with Dirk for his big day last week. Members of the Charger family also made the trip to Fargo to show their support. This included Shaunna Olson, Tausha Severt, and Noah Severt. In addition, Todd & Deb Stanley were also with the Lourens family on the celebratory day; Dirk's dad Cornelius is the manager of Stanley Farms. The amount of support shown to Dirk and his family that day was so heartwarming.

Jana expressed her sincerest gratitude to the entire community on behalf of their family saying, "We wouldn't have been able to get through all of this without all of the support and prayers."



Photos courtesy of Coan Photography and Molly Cullen.



The amount of support shown to Dirk and his family last week was so heartwarming! Dirk finished chemotherapy last week in Fargo and a great group of people were right there to celebrate with him. *Photos courtesy of Grygla School*



• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla

Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm.

Wednesday, Jan 17
11am Bible Study, 2:15pm Release Time; 3:30 FFF; 6pm Grace Choir, 7pm Confirmation

Sunday, Jan 21
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship w/ potluck dinner to follow

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
8am Worship, 9:30am YouTube Live Broadcast

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee

Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wednesday, Jan 17
Wed. School 5-7pm
Vespers 6:30pm

Saturday, Jan 20
Mt. Olive Worship 9am

Sunday, Jan 21
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship w/ 8:45am SS
Oak Park: 10am SS, 11am Worship.

Oak Park Annual Meeting & Meal

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith

Wednesday, Jan 17
Release time/Confirmation

Sunday, Jan 21
Bethany: 8am Worship
Ekelund: 9:30am Worship
Faith: 11am Worship
Sunday School resumes

Monday, Jan 22
Faith Quilting 9am-2pm

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Bryan Kujawa



Garden Valley to send two high school students to D.C.

Attention high school students! Don't miss the deadline to apply for the 2024 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour to Washington D.C. June 3-7, 2024.

Garden Valley Technologies will sponsor two high school students ages 15-17 (at the time of the tour) who receive services from GVT. The two students will win an all-expens-

es paid trip to Washington D.C. for the FRS Youth Tour, which will introduce the students to the telecommunications industry within a legislative context. Each student who applies will need to submit an essay online at www.gvtel.com by February 7th. If you have any questions, you can call Jessica Nelson, Administrative Assistant, 218-687-2400, ext. 241.

Community Calendar

Wed | Jan 17
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla School Spelling Bee 12:45pm; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Grygla Lion's Club meeting at Grain Bin 6:30pm

Thurs | Jan 18
Grygla School Board Meeting 7pm; BBB at WEM

Fri | Jan 19
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB in Lancaster vs. KCC; BBB at Climax (JV/V)

Sat | Jan 20
Snowflake Basketball in Goodridge/Grygla; Grygla/ Gatzke Food Shelf open 8-10:30am

Sun | Jan 21

Mon | Jan 22
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; BBB vs. Roseau in Grygla

Tues | Jan 23
GBB vs. RLF in Goodridge; BBB at WAO

Elementary Intramurals

Grygla Elementary Intramurals begin for students in grades 4-6. Games are held every Friday from 1-3pm and will continue through mid-March. The games are open for parents, grandparents, and community members to come watch.

The January schedule is below, along with the teams.

January 19
1pm: Blue Flames vs. Vipers; 1:30pm: Wranglers vs. Yellowjackets; 2pm: Wranglers vs. Blue Flames; 2:30pm: Vipers vs. Yellowjackets

January 26
1pm: Wranglers vs. Vipers; 1:30pm: Blue Flames vs. Yellowjackets; 2pm: Vipers vs. Blue Flames; 2:30pm: Wranglers vs. Yellowjackets

Teams

Wranglers: Coached by Blake Rychlock
Tycen Ostby, Parker Osse, Jessica Davenport, Brayden Neuschwander, Kamdyn Brobst, Emry Neuschwander, Jaceona Rushman

Blue Flames: Coached by Lewis Jones
Aria Saurdiff, Chloe Haugan, Keston Klasen, Ihle Holthusen, Avery Vilayphone, Tasha Malwitz, Dirk Lourens

Vipers: Coached by Russell Rian
Kolty Davis, Oliver Smeby, Grayson Lang, Mauer Nordby, Kember Klasen, Maria Blair

Yellowjackets: Coached by Christian Loken
Summer Ruud, Harper Severts, Kasyn Abrahamson, Mariah Grindahl, Kyla Nordvick, Emmitt Aune

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Snowmobile Safety Training

There is a Snowmobile Safety Training coming up on Sunday, January 28th, at 1pm at the Grygla Bus Garage. Students must be 11 years of age or older – certificate is valid at 12 years of age. Please sign-up in advance. Please come dressed for riding and winter weather. Helmet required. There is an online class that must be completed prior to January 28th. You can access that at snowmobilecourse.com. Please contact Bob Thompson at 218-689-1374 or Jack Nelson at 218-689-8807 for more information. This course is hosted by the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club.

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JANUARY 23RD

ROSEAU

GENE'S BAR & GRILL

MEETING @ 10:00 AM

Lunch will be served

JANUARY 24TH

THIEF RIVER FALLS

BLACK CAT BAR & GRILL

MEETING @ 8:30 AM

Breakfast will be served

JANUARY 24TH

GRYGLA

THE HOUND BAR & GRILL

MEETING @ 4:00 PM

Supper will be served

ALL FARMERS WELCOME!

Meetings will also be offered via Zoom. Please contact us for the virtual link.

ROSEAU: 218-450-2129

TRF: 218-681-1431

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Northwest Partnership now accepting proposals for community projects

Northwest Minnesota residents with an idea to strengthen sustainability in their community can now apply for partnership support from the University of Minnesota Extension Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (Northwest RSDP).

Northwest RSDP supports local innovation by connecting community ideas to University of Minnesota resources. Community members work on diverse project teams that research, design and plan local sustainability projects with University students, faculty and staff.

Northwest RSDP has several resource opportunities to support community-university partnerships. Residents and organizations are encouraged to submit their sustainability project ideas through the RSDP idea brief application. The RSDP annual call for ideas has supported hundreds of sustainability projects in the Northwest region for over twenty-five years. RSDP is also seeking applications from local farmers interested in building a deep winter greenhouse using the latest University researched design. Additionally, RSDP is launching a new program, "Empowering Small Minnesota Communities," to help small Minnesota communities benefit from federal, state and local investments. This program is seeking applications from communities interested in collaborating with the University to advance or plan projects that support sustainable economic, social, or transportation infrastructure.

"Community members know best how to make changes toward stronger social connections, valuing nature and fostering a home-grown economy. We're excited to hear what comes next for your community, and share with you how the RSDP can help," said Northwest RSDP Executive Director Shannon Stassen. "I encourage people to get in touch with me to talk about their ideas for making our communities more sustainable places."

Applications for all resources are being accepted through February 14. Visit the link z.umn.edu/RSDPIdeaBrief to read more about the programs and to apply. Community members are encouraged to contact Stassen directly at [sstassen@umn.edu](mailto:ssstassen@umn.edu) or 218-281- 8027 to learn more. Successful projects are selected by the Northwest RSDP community- university governing board through a competitive process.

The Northwest RSDP serves Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Beltrami, Polk, Norman, Mahanomen, Clay and Wilkin counties and the Red Lake Nation and White Earth Nation.

AgCountry announces special \$125 million patronage dividend

For the fifth consecutive year, AgCountry's Board of Directors has declared 100 basis points (1%) patronage dividends on business conducted with the cooperative in 2023. AgCountry's patronage program grants the Board of Directors the ability to distribute a portion of the association's net income to its member-owners on eligible business when financial conditions allow.

To share in AgCountry's unique success in 2023, the Board has declared a special secondary 50 basis points (.5%) patronage dividend. The total combined patronage dividends paid on business conducted in 2023 is a record \$125 million!

"Our farmer-led Board understands the unique challenges of today's world," said Lynn Pietig, board chair of AgCountry. "We are proud of the work we accomplished in 2023 by navigating a changing marketplace. This announcement demonstrates our commitment to the long-term vitality of farmers and ranchers."

The patronage program is part of the cooperative's mission to serve agriculture and rural America, helping to manage overall interest expenses and significantly reduce total borrowing costs. Member-owners of AgCountry benefit by sharing in the financial success of the cooperative.

"As a farmer-owned cooperative, we are focused on serving agriculture and rural America with specialized financial products, services, and risk management tools that support member success," shared Marc Knisely, AgCountry president and CEO. "Patronage dividends are a part of our cooperative's value proposition to our membership and reflect strong fiscal stewardship."

AgCountry's patronage dividends will be paid in two installments, with the first coming in March and the second tentatively set for mid-2024.

Grygla City Council approves Dec. Mins.

The January meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, January 8th. Council members approved the December minutes, which are included below. Official minutes are taken by Grygla City Clerk and recapped by Eagle Editor. For the full version, including receipts & disbursements, visit www.grygla.govoffice2.com

The regular meeting on December 11th was called to order at 6pm at the Civic Building by Mayor Devin Ruud with the following council members present: Gavin Nordby, Dustin Nelson, Karla Byklum, and Dave Dunrud. Absent: None. Also present were Rocky Hagen and Rose Aune.

Council approved minutes, along with receipts, disbursements, checking, savings & total balances for that month. The payment of all bills was also approved. Other items included:

CITY SHOP BATHROOM REMODEL
Project put on hold for a while.

FLOOD PUMP
Council approved the purchase of a flood pump.

COMMUNITY CENTER
Darrin sanded and clear-coated in the utility closet. It seemed to have worked in.

Grygla Library continues book sale

The Grygla Library will be holding an upcoming book sale. Betsy Saurdiff, Grygla Librarian, has been busy weeding books, a lot of which will hopefully be rehomed.

The book sale, which will also include audiobooks and DVD's, will be running on the following dates/times at the Grygla Community Center:

Wednesday, Jan. 17: 4-6pm
Tuesday, Jan. 23: 8am-12pm
Wednesday, Jan. 24: 12-6pm
Thursday & Friday, Jan. 25-26: 8am-12pm

Each book, audiobook or DVD will cost only \$0.25 apiece and will work on the honor system. Betsy will have tables set up in the Grygla Community Center with instructions on how to purchase the materials, but you can expect little envelopes left out for you to insert your money in and slide under the library door. All are welcome to come and browse the book sale.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. was born January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. As an American Baptist Minister, Dr. King became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 60s.

On the third Monday each January, we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

We will be closed all day on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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Kids love Art with Alyssa Aune

It's a new year of Art with Alyssa Aune at the Grygla School! Students enjoyed Walrus and Hippo Day, which resulted in some colorful, fun artwork. Art With Alyssa is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Grygla Honor Band students



Harlie Hagen and Brianna Severts were chosen for the NWMBDA Honor Band, which practiced and performed in Fergus Falls on January 13th. They are pictured with their band instructor, Mr. Gene Lunsetter. *Photo courtesy of Gene Lunsetter*

Word of the Week
...enhancing vocabularies one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Enigma

Uh-nig-muh

Noun

A person of puzzling or contradictory character.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS
By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor
Warm up your evening with this delicious Kielbasa Gnocchi Soup! A hearty meal that's perfect for chilly nights.

Ingredients:
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound kielbasa sausage, sliced
1 onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 cups chicken broth
1 cup heavy cream
1 (16 oz) package gnocchi
2 cups spinach leaves
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
Salt and pepper to taste

Grated Parmesan cheese for serving
Directions:
Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add kielbasa and onion; cook until onion is soft, and sausage is lightly browned. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Pour in chicken broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, add gnocchi, and simmer for 3-4 minutes or until gnocchi float to the top. Stir in heavy cream, spinach, smoked paprika, salt, and pepper. Cook until spinach is wilted. Serve hot, sprinkled with grated Parmesan cheese.



Multi-generational farm transition retreats

Submitted by U of M Extension

Three hands-on educational retreats focused on multi-generational farm transition are being offered across Minnesota. Multiple generations, spouses, partners and/or other relevant parties of family farms are encouraged to attend the Farm Transition Retreats together for a deep dive into conversations about family and business goals. These free hands-on retreats include facilitated planning and time for discussion, along with educational instruction.

Three locations will be offered. Pick the location that is most convenient for you.

Mankato – Friday, February 23, 5 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Cloud – Friday, March 8, 5 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crookston - Friday, March 22, 5 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Topics covered in the retreats will be family and business goals, job responsibilities, tips for communications, financial needs of multiple generations of the farm and families, inheritance considerations and mechanisms of property and farm transfer. Follow-up visits are available following the retreat sessions to work with individual families.

“Finding time to discuss or think about a farm transition is hard to do when everyone is busy running the farming operations,” said Susanne Hinrichs, Extension agricultural business management educator. “These farm transition retreats allow all parties involved the time to hear the educational topics together and then discuss and start making plans.”

The Farm Transition Retreats are offered by Jim Molenaar, retired faculty at St. Cloud Technical and Community College, and Nathan Hurlinsky and Susanne Hinrichs, Extension educators with U of MN Extension. Due to generous sponsorships of the Southern and Northern Centers of Excellence, AgCountry Farm Credit Services, and Compeer Financial, these retreats are free, but registration is required.

For more information and to register, follow this link: <https://z.umn.edu/farmtransitions>.



Goodridge Junior Chesney Salo in one of last week's three home games for the girls. *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*

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Jones sets All-Time Leading Scorer record for GG



Congratulations to Lewis Jones, Grygla Senior, who broke the All-Time Leading Scorer record in the home basketball game against Northern Freeze on Tuesday, January 9th. It was an exciting moment on the home court as Lewis drained a three-point shot to bring his total to 1,751 points at that moment in time! Caitlyn Jacobson was the previous scoring leader with 1,749 points. *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*

BBB Stats from last week

BBB vs. NF on Tuesday, January 9th, in Grygla
Chargers 65, Northern Freeze 60

Stats- Blake Rychlock (25 pts, 12 reb), Spencer Coan (5 pts, 2 reb), Owen Larson (3 pts, 3 reb), Carson Rubischko (7 pts, 5 reb), Lewis Jones (25 pts, 5 reb, 3 steals)

Coach's comments: We hosted the Freeze in an important conference and section game. We came out playing very well and took a 13-point lead in the first half. Blake came out very aggressively and was making shots. The Freeze are tough, and they made a long run and eventually took a 2-point lead with about 8 minutes left. However, we played well down the stretch and made the plays to pull out a very important victory. Back-to-back threes from Spencer and Lewis were huge near the end of the game.

With about 7 minutes left in the game Lewis Jones made a three pointer which gave him the record for most career points in Goodridge and Grygla school history for boys or girls. The old record holder was Caitlyn Jacobson with 1749 points. Lewis has put in so much time into his game to accomplish this - it's a very deserved honor. Congratulations, Lewis!

BBB vs. Roseau on Friday, January 12th, in Roseau

Chargers 73, Roseau 68
Stats- Blake Rychlock (23 pts, 8 reb), Spencer Coan (4 pts, 4 asst), Owen Larson (4 pts, 5 reb), Chase Manderud (3 reb), Carson Rubischko (5 pts, 5 reb), Lewis Jones (27 pts, 5 reb, 10 asst), Russell Rian (10 pts, 5 reb)

Coach's comments: We finished the week on the road to take on a much-improved Rams team. It was a back-and-forth game all the way through. The Rams scored the first 6 points of the second half to take a 44-35 lead, but then we played very well down the stretch. The difference in the second half was holding the Rams freshman star Jordan Borowicz to 7 second half points after he put up 23 in the first half. Lewis made a 3 pointer with about a minute left to break a 66-66 tie and we made enough FTs down the stretch to put the game away. It was another really important win! Russell played his best game of the year around the basket - we'll need more of that from him the rest of the year.



This was a big moment in Lewis' basketball career! This 3-point shot that went in made him the All-Time Leading Scorer for GG! *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



Above: Ashlyn Nelson makes her way to the basket in the home game against RLCC. Below: Anna Sundberg boxes out a Gator in the home game in Grygla. *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



GBB Stats from last week

GBB vs. RLCC on Monday, January 8th, in Goodridge

GG 50, RLCC 32
Ashlyn Nelson- 17 points, 5 reb., 9 stl; Brooklynn Kriel- 7 point, 5 reb.; Morgan Underdahl- 14 points, 8 reb., 5 stl.; Chesney Salo- 7 points, 7 reb., 6 ast.; Nevaeh Kotrba- 2 points; Anna Sundberg- 3 points
Coach's comments: We played a little more disciplined tonight. We missed some easy baskets and gave up too many offensive rebounds. We also got some offensive rebounds and put backs that helped us. Our defense played well only allowing 32 points.

GBB vs. BGMR on Thursday, January 11th, in Grygla

BGMR over GG (no score provided)
Ashlyn Nelson- 12 points; Brooklynn Kriel- 4 points; Morgan Underdahl- 4 points; Chesney Salo- 7 points; Nevaeh Kotrba- 3 points; Mylee Sjustestad- 4 points; Anna Sundberg- 4 points
Coach's comments: We started slow, but fought our way back at halftime. Second half we couldn't get much going, and BGMR got a big lead on us. BGMR was able to get a lot of offensive rebounds and put backs. We still have things we have to work on. These girls keep playing and learning, and it's good to see.

GBB vs. NF on Friday, January 12th, in Goodridge
GG 46, NF 52
Ashlyn Nelson- 10 points; Brooklynn Kriel- 5 points; Morgan Underdahl- 5 points; Chesney Salo- 11 points, 9 reb.; Nevaeh Kotrba- 3 points; Mylee Sjustestad- 8 points, 8 reb.; Anna Sundberg- 5 points, 9 reb.

Coach's comments: The girls played very well tonight. NF is second best in the West right now, and we took them to double overtime. The girls played physical, boxed out, and pressured the ball well. We lost this game, but we lost it doing the right things.



Nevaeh Kotrba during the Varsity game against BGMR. *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



Blake Rychlock passes to Spencer Coan in the game against the Freeze. *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*
Wednesday, January 17, 2024